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EU IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES – MAIN ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS CALENDAR YEAR 2003

TOTAL EU TRADE

The EU is a net importer of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables with a trade deficit of USD 11.4 billion in calendar year 2003. Total EU-15 imports of **fresh fruits and vegetables (HS codes 07 + 08 – incl. dried fruits and nuts)** amounted to 15.3 million MT in 2003, with a value of USD 13.6 billion. Total EU exports of fresh fruits and vegetables totaled 6.3 million MT, with a value of USD 3.7 billion. The EU mainly imported fresh produce from Thailand (manioc), South Africa (oranges, table grapes, pears and apples), Costa Rica, Ecuador and Colombia (bananas), Argentina (lemons, pears), Turkey (dried fruit and hazelnuts) and Morocco (tomatoes and oranges). Ranked in value, with USD 1.2 million the U.S. was the leading exporter of fresh produce (almonds, pistachios, walnuts, grapefruit and dried fruit) to the EU, followed by Turkey (USD 1.1 billion) and South Africa (USD 1 billion).

EU imports of **processed fruits and vegetables (HS code 20 – incl. fruit juices)** totaled 4.2 million MT in 2003, with a value of USD 3.8 billion. EU exports of processed fruits and vegetables totaled 2.2 million MT, with a value of USD 2.3 billion. In 2003, major exporters of processed fruits and vegetables to the EU were Brazil (orange juice), China (asparagus, mushrooms, tomatoes and mandarins), Turkey (cucumbers), Thailand (pineapple and sweet corn) and Poland (apple juice).

EU-15 TOTAL IMPORTS & EXPORTS OF FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES (HS Chapters 07 + 08) MAIN ORIGINS & DESTINATIONS (ranked by volume)						
	IMPORTS				EXPORTS	
JANUA	RY – DECEMBE	R 2003		JANUAR	Y – DECEMBEI	R 2003
Origin	MT	1,000 USD		Destination	MT	1,000 USD
Thailand	1 872 360	203 493		Russia	1 035 656	503 625
South Africa	1 001 827	1 015 872		Poland	644 073	417 200
Costa Rica	999 557	832 336		Switzerland	487 829	577 777
Ecuador	870 540	598 107		Czech Rep.	458 452	263 646
Turkey	807 911	1 105 845		Egypt	376 233	86 052
Argentina	740 428	555 558		Norway	263 210	296 822
Morocco	712 849	646 571		Hungary	262 549	115 047
Colombia	694 285	494 065		U.S.	186 125	383 552
U.S.	630 428	1 223 649		Algeria	160 363	80 543
Poland	605 203	602 365		India	146 136	26 815
World	15 255 300	13 592 392		World	6 290 996	3 735 659

Source: Eurostat

EU-15 TOTAL IMPORTS & EXPORTS OF PROCESSED FRUITS & VEGETABLES (HS Chapter 20) MAIN ORIGINS & DESTINATIONS (ranked by volume)						
	IMPORTS				EXPORTS	
JANUAR	Y - DECEMBE	R 2003		JANUAR	Y – DECEMBE	R 2003
Origin	MT	1,000 USD		Destination	MT	1,000 USD
Brazil	884 025	739 540		U.S.	385 856	587 049
China	522 553	395 383		Japan	136 792	172 126
Turkey	347 244	463 847		Russia	121 536	151 634
Thailand	319 366	264 955		Saudi Arabia	111 468	97 564
Poland	299 934	289 529		Switzerland	105 713	165 197
Switzerland	170 436	73 310		Australia	72 537	92 743
U.S.	169 664	193 949		Nigeria	67 841	72 005
Hungary	144 532	137 846		Canada	63 597	82 385
South Africa	118 738	116 808		Czech Rep.	60 927	58 247
Czech Rep.	115 288	39 283		Poland	58 189	60 883
World	4 188 075	3 764 198		World	2 161 304	2 256 536

US-EU TRADE

TOP-10 EU FRESH & PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FROM AND TO THE U.S.

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2003 TRADE WITH THE U.S. (RANKED BY VOLUME)

EU TOP-10 IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.

HS CODE	PRODUCT	VOLUME (Motric Tons)	VALUE
		(Metric Tons)	(1,000 USD)
0802 12 90	Almonds, shelled	155 603	508 163
0805 40 00	Grapefruit (fresh)	99 048	79 014
0806 20 11 thru 20 99	Grapes (dried)	47 010	65 567
2009 20 11 thru 29 99	Grapefruit juice	43 359	33 431
2009 11 11 thru 19 98	Orange juice	40 819	28 738
0802 31 00	Walnuts, in shell	39 923	71 964
0713 33 90	Kidney beans (dried)	36 295	22 110
0713 40 00	Lentils	34 060	17 388
0813 20 00	Prunes	29 778	66 698
0808 10 90	Apples (fresh)	24 728	25 846

EU TOP-10 EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

HS CODE	PRODUCT	VOLUME (Metric Tons)	VALUE (1,000 USD)
2005 70 10	Olives	101 822	182 160
2002	Tomatoes (processed)	79 146	51 268
0805 20 10	Clementines (fresh)	72 965	93 457
2005 90 50	Artichokes	33 059	61 207
0709 60 10	Peppers (fresh)	29 514	104 739
2009 79 19	Apple juice	29 483	29 713
0702	Tomatoes (fresh)	21 399	53 168
2001 90 20	Capsicum (other than sweet	16 095	13 025
	peppers or pimentos)		
2008 30	Citrus fruit (processed)	15 526	13 974
2005 90 80	Mixtures of vegetables	15 255	22 830
	(processed)		

Source: Eurostat

The 2003 top-10 list of EU imports of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables contains the same products as in 2002 but in a different order. The import volume of only three products on the top-10 list decreased in volume compared to 2002: fresh grapefruit, orange juice and lentils. On the EU top-10 export list, clementines made a significant recovery (+ 63% compared to 2002) as a result of the "Medfly" ban being lifted. Fresh lemons disappeared from the list (-81% compared to 2002) as a result of the U.S.' 2003 bumper crop.

MAIN COMPETITORS FOR TOP-10 PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO THE EU JANUARY-DECEMBER 2003 (in Metric Tons)					
Product	Imports from U.S.	Competitors			
Almonds	155 603	none			
Grapefruit (fresh)	99 048	South Africa (75 097), Israel (43 974), Turkey (35 910)			
Grapes (dried)	47 010	Turkey (161 223)			
Grapefruit juice	43 359	Israel (39 298)			
Orange juice	40 819	Brazil (859 275)			
Walnuts in shell	39 923	none			
Kidney beans (dried)	36 295	Canada (134 176), China (78 457)			
Lentils	34 060	Canada (82 108), China (19 366)			
Prunes	29 778	Chile (10 670)			
Apples (fresh)	24 728	New Zealand (198 529), South Africa (181 748), Chile (176 917), Argentina (97 500), Brazil (68 925)			

With the exception of Canada and New Zealand, the U.S.' main competitors are countries that benefit from preferential import duties under the EU's Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), ACP countries and countries that concluded trade agreements with the EU.

EU-15 TOTAL FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TRADE WITH U.S. JANUARY-DECEMBER 2003							
	IMPORT EXPORT						
	MT	1,000 USD	MT	1,000 USD			
Vegetables (fresh)	145 798	147 915	88 468	226 770			
Fruit (fresh)	484 630	1 075 735	97 657	156 782			
Fruit and vegetables	169 664	193 949	385 856	587 049			
(processed)							
TOTAL	800 092	1 417 598	571 981	970 601			

Source: Eurostat

In 2003, total EU imports of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables from the U.S. amounted to 800,092 MT, a decrease of 2% compared to 2002, with a value of USD 1.42 billion, status quo compared to 2002. EU exports to the U.S. amounted to 571,981 MT, a decrease of 14% compared to 2002, with a value of USD 971 million, a 9% decrease. The strong Euro, late frost and summer drought negatively impacted EU exports of fresh produce.

EU-15 IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. – BY MEMBER STATE (in Metric Tons) JANUARY-DECEMBER 2003						
	Vegetables (Fresh)	Fruit (Fresh)	Fruit & Vegetables (Processed)			
France	17 596	58 826	4 659			
Netherlands	9 670	58 519	84 495			
Germany	5 328	76 619	5 739			
Italy	16 129	39 732	26 289			
U.K.	46 225	102 065	13 116			
Ireland	421	1 305	744			
Denmark	999	12 617	482			
Greece	3 399	9 211	2 180			
Portugal	4 099	463	37			
Spain	33 910	66 900	1 422			
Belgium	4 486	29 936	21 581			
Luxembourg	20	5 022	0			
Sweden	3 148	14 883	7 281			
Finland	337	5 830	297			
Austria	33	2 703	1 343			
TOTAL EU-15	145 798	484 630	169 664			

EU-15 EXPORTS TO THE U.S. – BY MEMBER STATE (in Metric Tons)							
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2003							
	Vegetables	Fruit	Fruit &				
	(Fresh)	(Fresh)	Vegetables				
			(Processed)				
France	8 414	398	10 040				
Netherlands	52 245	769	17 655				
Germany	1 369	733	30 038				
Italy	883	12 741	89 300				
U.K.	839	192	3 567				
Ireland	4	0	52				
Denmark	55	14	2 235				
Greece	767	1 843	41 028				
Portugal	108	209	2 124				
Spain	10 850	80 568	180 234				
Belgium	12 619	74	5 835				
Luxembourg	0	0	0				
Sweden	292	115	1 071				
Finland	0	0	23				
Austria	24	0	2 655				
TOTAL EU-15	88 468	97 657	385 856				

Source: Eurostat

EU-15 IMPORTS FROM THE U.S., MAIN CATEGORIES JANUARY – DECEMBER 2003							
Category	Volun	ne (Metric	Tons	Value (1,000 USD)			
	2003	2002	%	2003	2002	%	
			change			change	
Fresh vegetables	16 522	12 249	+35	21 741	16 084	+35	
Frozen vegetables	3 634	4 313	-16	5 277	5 642	-6	
Dried vegetables	118 062	115 523	+2	108 925	104 433	+4	
Processed vegetables	40 931	24425	+68	42 515	37 687	+13	
Fresh fruit	165 838	183 474	-10	182 206	171 129	+6	
Fresh nuts	235 559	203 763	+16	744 728	563 178	+32	
Dried fruit	78 225	73 518	+6	139 476	123 223	+13	
Frozen/preserved fruit	4 679	4 643	+1	5 019	4 752	+6	
Processed fruit & nuts	29 919	19 064	+57	49 982	37 007	+35	
Fruit juices	98 798	131 524	- 25	98 777	107 780	-8	

EU-15 EXPORTS TO THE U.S., MAIN CATEGORIES JANUARY – DECEMBER 2003							
Category	Volur	ne (Metric	Tons	Value (1,000 USD)			
	2003	2002	%	2003	2002	%	
			change			change	
Fresh vegetables	63 245	80 271	-21	188 214	169 574	+11	
Frozen vegetables	19 893	13 853	+44	20 470	13 382	+53	
Dried vegetables	3 701	4 890	- 24	11 051	14 386	-23	
Processed vegetables	301 761	338 750	-11	454 082	414 661	+10	
Fresh fruit	84 744	60 629	+40	107 701	68 589	+57	
Fresh nuts	3 963	3 857	+3	14 631	12 534	+17	
Dried fruit	824	1 024	- 20	24 480	20 153	+21	
Frozen/preserved fruit	3 358	5 365	- 37	5 733	7 502	-24	
Processed fruit & nuts	39 136	58 047	-33	66 537	65 450	+2	
Fruit juices	41 641	69 897	- 40	57 234	73 678	-22	

Source: Eurostat

Average exchange rate 2003: 1 Euro = 1.130865 USD Average exchange rate 2002: 1 Euro = 0.944905 USD

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